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TO OUR READERS.

Owing to a great demand for advertising space coming in at such a late hour, it was impossible to issue a two-page supplement. Some changes have been necessary in the make-up in this week's issue of the CITIZEN. Local matter will be found on every page of this issue.

An Important Meeting.

The Citizens' Committee of Fifteen appointed to consider the matter of a water supply has called a public meeting on Thursday evening, October 29th, in Central Hall and at which the report of the committee will be submitted to the public.

It is important that every tax-paying property owner should attend this meeting, as it is well known there is a question at issue between the citizen members of the Committee of Fifteen and the members of that committee who are also members of the Town Council. The difference of opinion relates to the proposed purchase of the Orange Water Company's plant in this town. The members of the Town Council have declared that a price of \$150,000 is the lowest figure obtainable from the Orange Water Company for the sale of the plant and the Council has by resolution called a special election submitting purchase at that figure to a vote of the people.

The citizen members of the committee declare that the Orange Water Company's plant is not worth \$150,000 and they are opposed to its purchase at that price, and condemn the action of the council in calling an election to vote on the purchasing of the plant at that figure. Both sides to this issue will be heard Thursday night and the people will pass judgment upon it.

Great questions pertaining to the future status of this municipality are involved in the issue to be fought out at the meeting called for Thursday night, and every citizen who is at all interested in municipal affairs should be present and give his expression of opinion either by voice or vote. Both sides of the water question have been made public and in addition to what has been published, further oral statements will no doubt be made pro and con and there will be no excuse for lack of an intelligent understanding of the question on which the people will be called on to vote. The report of the sub-committee of the Committee of Fifteen is published in full in this issue of the CITIZEN and should be carefully read by every taxpayer.

A Good Lesson.

N. H. Dodd, the carriage builder, had a group of seven stone-throwing boys arrested Thursday for throwing stones at his shop building and breaking windows. Mr. Dodd placed his damages at twenty dollars, and each boy was fined \$3.50 by Recorder Post. The stone-throwing nuisance is carried on to an outraging extent in this town and more arrests ought to be made and fines imposed.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Mr. Howard Miller, Leslie Long, Wm. Hochstuhl and Wm. Baxter will represent the local Y. M. C. A. at the State Convention which is being held in the Newark Young Men's Christian Association this week. Instead of holding a meeting this evening in Watseka Mr. Ira Smith of East Orange will meet the members of the association and attend the convention in a body, leaving on the Lackawanna at 7:01. This will be a splendid opportunity to visit one of the largest Y. M. C. A. buildings in America.

Old Fashioned Scenefield.

An Old Fashioned Scenefield and Reception under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Baptist Church, was held in the church parlors on Thursday evening. The feature of the evening was the number of old style dressed young ladies and gentlemen. The programme was carried out in a quaint way. Refreshments were served.

Prospective Wedding.

Cards are out for the marriage of Frederick Ernest Mohrmann, High School Class '96, to Miss Clara Mary Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor of No. 3 Franklin street, this town. The wedding will take place Monday evening, Oct. 26, at the home of the bride's parents, and the Rev. E. A. White, of Christ Episcopal church will officiate.

The Jarvis Memorial Library.

Now that the initial year of the library is completed, it may not be amiss to publish for the information of those who are interested a few facts concerning the institution, its year's work and present condition. The Library Committee, appointed by G. Lee Stout, President of the Board of Trustees, consists of Dr. H. E. Richards, Chairman; James E. Jarvis, Wm. P. Supher, Secretary, and John Newton, Treasurer. In all its work this committee has been able assisted by the librarian; monthly reports have been made to the trustees, and the first annual report has just been submitted by the committee. From this report such facts as may be of interest to the general public are herewith presented.

GROWTH OF THE BOOK SHELVES.

The library opened for business September 20, 1902, with a stock of 5,327 books; 710 volumes have been added by purchase and 801 by gift, so that at the close of the year, October 1, 1903, the shelves contain 6,838 volumes, covering every field of literature usually represented in a library of this size. A list of the new books is published each month in the CITIZEN, and to reprint the lists here would occupy too much space; a few of the most important additions to the reference department are, however, worthy of special mention; they are:

Library of the World's Best Literature, edited by C. D. Warner, 31 volumes.

Library of Literary Criticism, edited by C. W. Moulton, 8 volumes.

Dictionary of the Bible, edited by James Hastings, 4 volumes.

Cyclopedia of Horticulture, edited by L. H. Bailey, 4 volumes.

History of the Christian Church, by Philip Schaff, 8 volumes.

New International Encyclopedia, 17 volumes.

National Dictionary of American Biography, 11 volumes.

People's Natural History, 5 volumes.

Harper's Encyclopedia of U. S. History, 10 volumes.

The most important donation to the library came from a New York gentleman (his name increase), in the shape of a check for \$1,000, to be used for the purchase of books at the committee's discretion. With this money there have been bought a number of valuable reference books, and complete sets, handsomely bound in half morocco, of Review of Reviews, 26 volumes; Cosmopolitan, 33 volumes; Fortnightly Review, 72 volumes; Nation, 75 volumes; Nineteenth Century, 52 volumes; Forum, 35 volumes; Atlantic Monthly, 90 volumes; Popular Science Monthly, 61 volumes; Outlook, 17 volumes; Bookman, 15 volumes; Scribner's Magazine, 23 volumes. As the library already owned complete sets of Little's Living Age, Harper's Magazine, North American Review, Critic, and Scribner's Magazine, together with Poole's and the Cumulative Index to all magazines, it can be readily seen what a vast storehouse of useful literature is here placed at the disposal of searchers for information not usually found in books. It might be explained, in passing, that the Cumulative Index is published monthly and Poole's Index annually. They are complete indexes of all important articles in the leading magazines.

GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP.

No extraordinary effort has been made to increase the membership. The library offers so much for so small a fee (\$1 a year) that no special pleading in its behalf is required. Those who have subscribed have doubtless done so because they believed that an investment of two cents a week in good literature would yield satisfactory results. On the 1st of October, 1902, the number of subscribers was 271. Increase month by month was as follows: Oct., 1902, 196; Nov., 1902, 134; December, 1902, 59; January, 1903, 57; February, 1903, 29; March, 19; April, 9; May, 13; June, 12; July, 22; August, 30; September, 35. Total September 30, 1903, 689.

This increase has been healthy, and

on the whole, satisfactory, because indicating a steady growth in the popularity of the library among the people who use books. Slowly but surely Mr. Jarvis' splendid gift in making for itself the place it deserves in the esteem of the people in this community. Yet there is room for a much larger increase, and it is confidently hoped that another year will bring the membership quite up to 1,000. Will every reader of this who is not a subscriber ask himself this question: "Are the benefits offered by the library for two cents a week worth that sum to me?" or, "If I do not care to read library books, have not a dozen books loyalty to Bloomfield, or pride in one of its most useful institutions, that I should neglect to give it a helping hand?"

It is a pleasant thing to note that out of the 689 subscribers to the library, 106 are residents of Glen Ridge, and our neighbors on the hill support their own library besides.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS.

The total number of books taken out of the library on Oct. 1, 1903, was 30,062.

The highest number in one day was 185; the lowest 15 (New Year's day).

Average daily circulation, 95.

In the juvenile department the total circulation was 4,561.

Circulation of adult fiction, 67 per cent.; juvenile fiction, 72 per cent.

These figures do not include the use

of books in the reference and reading rooms.

These rooms have been well

patronized, and it is a common thing to

see all the chairs occupied in the

afternoon by students, school children and other readers.

The figures are in constant demand.

Here is a list of those that are kept on

file for the use of both subscribers and non-subscribers:

American Kitchen Magazine, Ameri-

can Machinist, Biblio and Nature,

Bookman, Century, Cosmopolitan, Coun-

try Life in America, Critic, Dial, Elec-

trical World, Engineering Magazine, Forest

and Stream, Forum, Frank Leslie's

Monthly, Harper's Bazaar, Harper's Mag-

azine, Harper's Weekly, Illustrated Lon-

don News, Ladies' Home Journal, Lamp,

Scientific American, Scribner's Maga-

zine, Studio, Library Journal, Life, Lit-

tell's Living Age, Little Folks, McClure's

Magazine, Masters in Art, Missionary

Review, Munsey's Magazine, Nation,

North American Review, Outlook, Out-

look, Photo-American, Popular Science

Monthly, Public Libraries, Pack, Review

of Books, Reader, St. Nicholas, Satur-

day Evening Post, Week's Progress,

World's Work, Youth's Companion.

This report would not be complete

without some recognition of the thor-

ough and masterly manner in which the

task of organizing and conducting the

library has been accomplished by Miss

Imhoff, the librarian. Her inexhaustible

fund of information about books,

and the never-failing courtesy and chear-

fulness shown by herself and her assis-

tant in serving patrons, have done much

towards making the library popular.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Condensed.)

Receipts, \$2,607.14

Disbursements, 2,164.60

Balance on hand, 442.54

Receipts from Subscribers, 818.52

Disharged by J. N. Jarvis, 500.28

Disbursements, 1,312.80

Light, heat, janitor, etc., etc., 1,305.69

Balance on hand, 7.11

Received from donor, 1,000

Expended for books, 948.77

Balance on hand, 56.22

Total cash on hand, 56.22

Stores at
MONTCLAIR,
EAST ORANGE,
SOUTH ORANGE,
ORANGE.

Chas. M. Becker & Bros.

EUROPEAN VEGETABLES.

We have just received our importation of Foreign Vegetables, which this season are of very excellent quality, and are moderately priced. We are first hands in these goods and dealers as well as consumers can make their purchases here to advantage. We offer Bon Choix Champignons (first choice Mushrooms) at \$2.75 per dozen cans; per can 25c. Petit Pois Sur Extra Fins, the very finest French Peas at \$2.75 per dozen cans; per can 25c. Petit Pois Sur Fins, a small and very fine French Pea, we sell at \$2.25 a dozen cans or 20c per can. We also sell the Belgium Pea, the Sur Extra Fine Fleur Petit Pois, very smallest and finest, \$2.25 per dozen cans; 20c a can. Fine Belgium Peas (Petit Pois Fine) \$1.75 per dozen cans; per can 16c. Your attention is called to our line of French Vegetables in glass—30c, 35c and 37c a jar.

NEW GOODS.

This week we are able to offer a number of new lines—seasonable goods—consisting partly of the following: The Celebrated Deerfoot Farm Sausage, fresh every day, in one pound packages, 24c. Finest Comb Honey, per comb, 22c; Grape Fruit, each 10c; New Malaga Grapes, 20c lb.; Cranberries, per quart, 12c; Hickory Nuts, per quart, 15c; New Figs, etc. Those Tomatoes in cans—the full size, 3 lbs, red ripe, solid pack goods, at \$1.10 per dozen cans or 10c per can, are worth having. Prices promise higher—better order now.

FREE DELIVERIES EVERYWHERE.

BLOOMFIELD Savings Institution,

Office: 7 Broad Street,

Bloomfield, N. J.

SURPLUS,

\$67,477.18

NEW ACCOUNTS RECEIVED

Interest Dividends Declared Jan. 1st and July 1st.

